

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of this notification?

The Brady Notification System protects victims with Domestic Violence Orders by alerting them when the respondent tries to buy a gun or similar weapon.

Is everyone who has a Domestic Violence Order issued by a Kentucky court, eligible for this notification?

No. This notification is linked to federal law, which prevents certain people with Domestic Violence Orders against them from buying a gun or similar weapon. (Based on federal law, these people are your parents or an “intimate partner.”) The federal definition does not include all domestic violence orders issued in Kentucky.

What about people who have Domestic Violence Orders issued by other state courts?

You are eligible for the Brady Notification System if your order is currently in effect, is against your parent or an “intimate partner” **and** you have registered your order with the clerk’s office of the Kentucky court in the area where you now live.

When can people sign up for notification?

You can call, toll-free, **1-877-242-4035**, to sign up for notification **twenty-four hours** after the Domestic Violence Order was issued by the court or registered in the Clerk’s Office.

How long will people be notified after signing up with the Brady Notification System?

You will be notified as long as your Domestic Violence Order is in effect and you live in Kentucky. If your order is reissued after three years, you must sign up again. If your phone number changes, you must re-register.

RESOURCES

If you have questions about your eligibility for notification, contact your local domestic violence program or your court clerk’s office.

If you are in danger, contact your local law enforcement agency or call

911

To locate your local domestic violence shelter program call:

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE

To be connected to your local rape crisis center call:

Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network (RAINN)

1-800-656-HOPE

To sign up for notification through Kentucky’s Brady Notification System, call toll-free:

1-877-242-4035



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**Victims of
domestic
violence in
Kentucky
have a right
to be
protected
from guns.**

HOW VICTIMS CAN BE PROTECTED

Kentucky law allows victims with Domestic Violence Orders (DVO) to be notified if the person their protective order is against (respondent) tries to buy a gun or similar weapon. This brochure will tell you if you are eligible for this program, and how to sign up for notification.

Federal law, commonly known as the Brady Bill, prevents certain people with Domestic Violence Orders against them from buying or having guns or similar weapons. Federal law, defines these people as the victim's parents or an "intimate partner." An intimate partner is your spouse, former spouse, parent of your child, or someone you live with or have lived with in an intimate relationship.

Information to keep with you

Case Number:

Date and Time Registered:

PIN:

Kentucky's Brady Notification System:
1-877-242-4035

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THIS NOTIFICATION?

To find out, answer these questions. If you check "yes" on all three questions, then you are eligible to sign up for notification.

- ☐ 1. Do you or your children have a Domestic Violence Order issued by a Kentucky court or registered with a Kentucky court clerk?

(A Domestic Violence Order is issued after a hearing and is good for up to three years.)

If yes, answer:

- ☐ 2. Is your order still in effect?

If yes, answer

- ☐ 3. Is your order:
- against an intimate partner or
 - against your own parent or
 - on behalf of your child against his or her parent?

If you have checked all 3 boxes, you are eligible to sign up with the Brady Notification System to help protect yourself and your children.

Intimate Partner: An intimate partner is your spouse, former spouse, parent of your child, or someone you live with or have lived with in an intimate relationship

Respondent: The person the DVO is against

Case Number: Found at the top right hand corner of your DVO

REGISTERING FOR NOTIFICATION

Eligible victims who have a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) can register for notification with the Brady Notification System by calling toll-free, **1-877-242-4035**, 24 hours after the DVO takes effect. Callers are asked to provide a Domestic Violence Case Number. Once the system locates this number, the victim is given the option of registering for automatic telephone notification when the respondent attempts to purchase a handgun.

The caller is required to enter their area code and phone number. When the respondent named in the domestic violence order attempts to buy a gun, the system will automatically call the phone number provided by the victim.

To complete the registration, the caller must also enter a PIN (Personal Identification Number). When the victim receives a notification call, the system will ask for the appropriate PIN. Only the caller will know the PIN. Entering this four-digit number is the only way to confirm the notification, and stop the calls. The Brady Notification System also allows callers to update registered phone numbers and PIN codes.

Live operator assistance is available 24 hours a day for callers requiring assistance. The operator will ask the caller to provide their domestic violence order case number.